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SUBJ: COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS OF FY 1977 MAP AND IMET

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- 1. THE FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO PARA 4 OF REF A, WHICH CONVEYED REDUCED FY 77 MAP (NOT APPLICABLE TO DR) AND IMET PROGRAM LEVELS AND REQUESTED COMMENTS.
- 2. CURRENT IMET PROGRAM FOR DR WAS PREPARED IN NOVEMBER 75 AT \$500,000 LEVEL. IT COMPRISES A MINIMAL BALANCE OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING IN CZ (AIR FORCE, ARMY AND A LITTLE NAVY) AND CONUS (NAVY) DESIGNED TO SUPPORT US FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. (AN MTT TO TEACH COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTORS WAS DESIRABLE BUT COULD NOT BE PROGRAMMED AS GRANT AID.)
- 3. SUBSEQUENT PRICE INCREASES HAVE ELEVATED COST OF THIS PROGRAM BY ABOUT 25 PERCENT. TO ABSORB PART OF INCREASE, MAAG PROPOSED TO DOMINICAN SECRETARY OF DEFENSE LAST AUGUST THAT GODR ASSUME PART OR ALL OF STUDENT TRAVEL AND LIVING EXPENSES. INITIAL REACTION OF SECDEF WAS FAVORABLE. HOWEVER, IT NOW APPEARS, DURING STAFFING OF PROPOSAL, THAT THE GODR WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUCH OF A CONTRIBUTION, IF ANY, BECAUSE OF THE COUNTRY'S CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION, PARTICULARLY THE SERIOUS BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS

PROBLEM. WE KNOW ALSO THAT USCINCSO IS REVIEWING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE CANAL ZONE MILITARY SCHOOLS (CZMS) THROUH "FENCING." SOUTHCOM PROJECT OFFICER ADVISED MAAG THAT USCINCSO WOULD REQUEST EXTENSION OF DSAA DEADLINE FOR ENTIRE LATIN AMERICAN REGION IF REQUIRED. CONSEQUENTLY, MAAG HAS WITHHELD THE DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF PROGRAM PENDING FINAL ACTION ON THE USCINCSO REVIEW AND DEFINITE DR SECDEF RESPONSE TO THE MAAG PROPOSAL.

- 4. A DECREASE IN IMET ALLOCATIONS FOR THE DR TO \$450,000 WOULD EXACERBATE AN ALREADY DIFFICULT PROBLEM. THE TENTATIVE ANNUAL SHARE ATTRIBUTED TO DR OF SUPPORT OF CZMS PLUS TRAINING ALREADY FUNDED FOR JUST THE FIRST QUARTER OF FY 77 ALREADY EXCEEDS THE IMET LEVEL ALLOCATED BY REF A. THE IMPACT OF SO DRASTIC A REDUCTION WOULD BE ALL THE GREATER AT THIS STAGE OF DOMINICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM THROUGH SCREENING AND PREPARING OF STUDENTS FOR THE PLANNED TRAINING.
- 5. WE RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT FUNDS BE REALLOCATED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, UP TO A TOTAL OF \$763,000, IN ORDER TO PERMIT AS MUCH OR ALL OF THE TRAINING ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED TO BE CARRIED OUT.
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